



News Release

Argue and Daitch Soar in Sprints

Valcartier, PQ (December 13, 2007)—NWT skiers Mike Argue and Sarah Daitch made a statement today in Valcartier, Quebec at the Haywood NorAm & Tech Cominco Sprints, putting the Canadian cross-country ski world on notice that the Northwest Territories is a breeding ground for quality racers. In the one-kilometre free technique, both athletes made it to the A-Final, with Argue finishing fourth and Daitch second. Thomsen D'Hont, another northern skier to watch out for, placed 12th in his race and was the 3rd best junior in the competition.

It was the second straight top five finish for Argue, who finished fifth last weekend in Canmore, Alberta. Argue is picking up where he left off last season, when he and fellow Yellowknifer, Thomsen D'Hont, medaled in the team sprints at the Cross Country Canada Championships. It is an excellent start for Argue and indicative of the hard dry-land work he has done over the last few months.

Meanwhile Daitch added to her medal collection with another silver to go with last week's victory. She and Ontario's Perianne Jones have finished one-two in the last five days. Daitch brought home the gold on Saturday and today was Jones' turn and she captured the top prize. Still, the second place finish for Daitch kept the Fort Smither atop the leader board as the season's top sprinter in Canada after three races with 80 points. Jones is second with 69.

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